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In the second quarter of 1950 the raw materials and fuel industries of the USSR have greatly surpassed their prewar production level. The most important branches of heavy industry -- ferrous metallurgy, coal, petroleum and electricity -- have rapidly increased their output during the last 5 years, as is shown in the following table (1946 equals 100):

	1947	1948	1949	1950
Pig iron	112	132	158	193
Steel	108	131	166	198
Rolled products	113	139	181	210
Coal	111	125	141	158
Petroleum	118	136	152	178
Electricity	115	133	156	179

The party and government are giving much attention to the development of the machine-building industry of the USSR and during the postwar Five-Year Plan a large number of new machines, tools, and other equipment have been turned out in the machine-building plants.

However, certain ministries were still behind their output of some important types of products. Thus, the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry has failed to fulfill its quarterly plan for certain types of rolled steel and metallurgical equipment; the Ministry of Heavy Machine Building was lagging in the production of steam turbines; the Ministry of Machine-Tools Industry fell behind in the manufacture of certain types of metal-cutting machinery; the Ministry of Machine and Instrument-Making Industry failed to produce its quota of compressors and computers; the Ministry of Agricultural Machine Building failed to fulfill its plan for certain types of agricultural machinery; the Ministry of Building Materials Industry, USSR, was lagging in the production of prefabricated homes; and the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry, USSR, has failed to fulfill its plans for paper, railroad ties, prefabricated homes and logging.

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